Fr. Victor Miranda Cirilo Huaringa (1936 - 2016)

Fr. Victor was the son of Isacco Miranda and Emilia Huaringa. He was born in Muquiyauyo (the Province of Jauja, the Department of Junin, Peru) on 29 March 1936.

On 28 March 1951, as a Camillian postulant he entered the religious house of Buenamuerte in Lima where he also attended secondary schools. He spent his novitiate in Verona, San Giuliano (Italy), from 25 September 1955 onwards. He made his temporary vows on 26 September 1956 and his perpetual vows on 9 April 1961 in the Camillian community of Mottinello–Rossano Veneto (Vicenza-Italy). He completed his school studies in the Province of Piedmont and his theological studies in Mottinello–Rossano Veneto. He was ordained a priest on 23 June 1964.

After returning to Peru on 28 August 1964 he lived and worked in the community of the religious house of the Buenamuerte. He was a chaplain at the Dos de Mayo Hospital from 8 August onwards. On 30 April 1969, together with Father Elias Garcia, he began the foundation of Chiclayo. After spending two months in the house of Chiclayo, on 20 November 1969 he returned to Lima where he was the teacher responsible for the postulants until the closure of the centre on 22 December of the same year. Until 26 November 1980 he was the chaplain at the Arzobispo Loayza Hospital. Subsequently he moved to Arequipa to begin the new foundation together with Fr. Virgilio Grandi.

He was the Superior of the community of the religious house of Buenamuerte from September 1975 until his transfer to Arequipa, of which he was the Superior until February 1985 when he was moved to the San Camilo de Santafe community of Bogota, becoming responsible for the service of the chaplain at the San Jose Hospital.

He returned to Peru in November 1992, to the community of Arequipa, and was appointed the Superior and parish priest of the Parish of Nuestra Señora del Pilar, being head of pastoral care in health of the archdiocese. He was reappointed the Superior of the community in 1995 and again in 1998 – he held this post until 2001. During this time he continued his ministry as the parish priest and as the head of pastoral care in health.

At the end of August 2007 he was transferred to the community of Huancayo as an assistant priest and later became the parish priest. In 2009, with the arrival of the relic of St. Camillus in Peru, he spared no effort to ensure that the relic could reach the very beautiful Valle del Mantaro, and in particular his birthplace of Muquiyauyo where a sumptuous welcome was arranged. In the year 2013 he retuned to Arequipa to continue to work in synergy with the activities engaged in by the Camillian community in that part of southern Peru. On 22 June 2014 Fr. Viktor celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ordination, together with all the faithful of the Parish of Nuestra Señora del Pilar.
In 2015 the illness that had afflicted him for a number of years began to cause various complications, weakening his health and his vigour. In July of the same year he was moved to the community for formation of the religious house of the Buenamuerte, where he was helped by his religious brothers, by the young men receiving formation, by his family relatives and by health-care professionals.

Because of grave complications, on 13 January 2016 he was transferred to the Padre Tezza Clinic where he died at 8.55, Friday, 22 January 2016.

His coffin was taken to our church of the religious house of the Buenamuerte.

The funeral liturgy was celebrated on 23 January at 14.00. Fr. Viktor was buried in the cemetery of the Campo de Fe de Huanchipa where his grave is now to be found.

*Father Victor, rest in peace!*